

2006-2016 San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin Counties Projection Highlights

Industry projections for San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties combined forecast total employment to grow at 0.8 percent annually from 2006 to 2016, slower than the 1.5 percent annual growth projected for California during the same forecast period. Total employment, consisting of Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Private Household Workers, Farm Employment, and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment will increase to approximately 1.2 million by 2016, with the addition 82,900 new jobs.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment comprises 88 percent of total employment and two out of three new jobs are expected to occur in Professional and Business Services (27,100), Leisure and Hospitality (15,300), and Education Services, Health Care and Social Assistance (6,100).

2006-2016 Industry Sector Employment Levels



Professional and Business Services is expected to be the fastest growing major industry sector in the forecast period with an anticipated annual growth rate of 1.4 percent. Within this sector, Computer Systems Design and Related Services will lead the job growth adding 8,400 jobs.

Chemical Manufacturing is also projected to have strong growth, estimated to increase by 5.5 percent annually and add 4,800 jobs by 2016.

Occupational projections for the period 2006 to 2016 forecast:

- Approximately 83,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- An estimated 243,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 326,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate 55 percent of the total job openings in the San Francisco metropolitan area during the 2006-2016 period. These occupations are expected to create approximately 177,600 job openings. Among the 50 occupations with the most openings are entry level jobs such as Retail Salespersons, Waiters and Waitresses, and Cashiers along with higher skilled and higher paying jobs such as Computer Software Engineers, General Managers, Accountants, and Registered Nurses.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.5 percent or more. Half of these occupations require a bachelor's degree or higher with median annual salaries ranging from \$32,846 to \$122,493. Biomedical engineers are expected to have the fastest annual growth at 6 percent, requiring a bachelor's degree and having a median annual salary of \$100,219. Roofers and Tile and Marble Setters, requiring only on-the-job training, are also among the fastest growing occupations with median hourly wages of \$26.32 and \$23.95 respectively.

The chart below displays average annual job openings from growth and replacements in the San Francisco metropolitan area.

Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level

